



# OPERATIONS MEMO

## Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: High School Counselors

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SUBJECT: **2017-18 High School Entitlement Cal Grant Award Offers**

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This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) is pleased to announce the initial 2017-18 Cal Grant selection process for the High School Entitlement (E1) award cycle.

### **2017-18 Preliminary E1 Award Offers**

- Following the early opening of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and the California Dream Act Application on October 1, the Commission completed its initial E1 award cycle on November 9, 2016.
- Approximately **28,000** preliminary awards were offered to current high school seniors and 2016 high school graduates. Over **1,100** of the preliminary awards were offered to California Dream Act students.

### **New Student Confirmation Process**

- The selected E1 students will receive a paper [Cal Grant Eligibility Notification](#).
- Students are encouraged to create a WebGrants for Students account at [www.webgrants4students.org](http://www.webgrants4students.org) for additional information regarding their Cal Grant award offer.
- The Commission will continue to process students in the weekly award cycle and encourages schools to complete their electronic Grade Point Average (GPA) submissions as soon as possible.

### **High School Report**

- The Commission generates a report titled "Your Cal Grant Awardees" in WebGrants. The report lists all students that are offered a Cal Grant award based on the high school that certified their Cal Grant GPA.
- Students who do not appear on the report may have an incomplete financial aid application or other issues preventing them from being considered for a Cal Grant award offer. We encourage schools to assist students not listed on the report with completing the necessary steps to qualify for a Cal Grant.

- The “Your Cal Grant Awardees” report is available in WebGrants under the “Data Transfer” menu. To obtain WebGrants access, schools should contact the Commission’s Information Technology Help Desk at (888) 294-0148.

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